

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

~~This invention relates to a computer system, in particular to a~~ A computer system ~~has~~ having a plurality of components which can be initialized ~~initialised~~. ~~There is provided a computer system having a~~ A plurality of components that can be initialized ~~and initialised~~, wherein each component is configured to produce status data from which the level of need for that component to be initialized ~~initialised~~ can be inferred. At least one component is configured to: receive status data from other components; make a comparison using the status data received from respective components; in dependence on the comparison, select one or more components for initialization ~~initialisation~~; and, issue initialization ~~initialisation~~ instructions to the selected component(s). By making a comparison between the status data from different components, the relative need for different components to be ~~initialised~~ initialized can be evaluated, allowing a component with a high need for ~~initialisation~~ initialization to be selected over a component with a lower need.